

## Amendments to the Claims

and

### Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claim 1 is amended.

Claims 29-31 are added.

1. (currently amended) A solid electrolytic capacitor comprising:
  - a capacitor element having an anode and a cathode;
  - a base sheet member made of resin, the base sheet member having an obverse surface for mounting the capacitor element and a reverse surface opposite to the obverse surface;
  - a protection package formed on the obverse surface of the sheet member to enclose the capacitor element, the package being made of a resin composition only and having a first side surface adjacent to the anode of the capacitor element and a second side surface opposite to the first side surface;
  - a conductive outer anode layer electrically connected to the anode of the capacitor element; and
  - a conductive outer cathode layer electrically connected to the cathode of the capacitor element, the outer cathode layer being spaced from the cathode of the capacitor element with the base sheet member positioned therebetween;
  - wherein the outer anode layer is formed on at least one of the package and the sheet member, the outer cathode layer being formed on the reverse surface of the sheet member, and
  - wherein the base sheet member is brought into direct contact with the protection package between the first side surface and the second side surface of the protection package.
2. (original) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 1, further comprising an upper sheet member for shielding the capacitor element, the capacitor element being arranged between the base sheet member and the upper sheet member.

3. (original) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 1, wherein the package is formed with an at least partially slanted portion.
4. (previously presented) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 1, wherein the outer anode layer is formed on at least one of the first side surface of the package and the reverse surface of the base sheet member, the outer cathode layer extending onto the second side surface of the package.
5. (original) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 4, wherein the anode is exposed at the first side surface of the package to come into contact with the outer anode layer.
6. (original) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 4, further comprising a metal piece attached to the anode of the capacitor element, the metal piece being exposed at the first side surface of the package to come into contact with the outer anode layer.
7. (original) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 4, further comprising a metal piece attached to the anode of the capacitor element and an anode connection layer formed on the obverse surface of the base sheet member, the anode connection layer being connected to the metal piece and exposed at the first side surface of the package to come into contact with the outer anode layer.
8. (original) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 4, further comprising a metal piece attached to the anode of the capacitor element and an anode connection layer formed on the obverse surface of the base sheet member, the metal piece being connected to the anode connection layer, the base sheet member being formed with a through-hole for connecting the anode connection layer to the outer anode layer.
9. (original) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 5, further comprising a cathode connection layer formed on the obverse surface of the base sheet member and connected to the cathode of the capacitor element, the cathode connection layer being exposed at the second side surface of the package to come into contact with the outer cathode layer.

10. (original) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 5, further comprising a cathode bump arranged on the cathode of the capacitor element, the cathode bump being exposed at the second side surface of the package to come into contact with the outer cathode layer.

11. (previously presented) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 1, further comprising a cathode connection layer formed on the obverse surface of the base sheet member and connected to the cathode of the capacitor element, the base sheet member being formed with a through-hole for connecting the cathode connection layer to the outer cathode layer.

12-27. (canceled)

28. (previously presented) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 1, wherein the capacitor element comprises a valve metal body, the anode comprising a bar projecting from the metal body, the cathode comprising a cathode layer formed on the metal body.

29. (new) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 1, further comprising a flat conductive cathode connection layer electrically connected to the outer cathode layer, wherein the cathode connection layer extends only on the obverse surface of the base sheet member, the cathode connection layer including an obverse surface and a reverse surface, the obverse surface of the cathode connection layer coming into direct contact with the cathode of the capacitor element, the reverse surface of the cathode connection layer coming into direct contact with the obverse surface of the base sheet member.

30. (new) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 29, wherein the outer cathode layer comprises a flat cathode electrode portion extending only on the reverse surface of the base sheet member, the cathode electrode portion being parallel to the cathode connection layer.

31. (new) The solid electrolytic capacitor according to claim 30, wherein the cathode connection layer and the cathode electrode portion extend in a direction running from the second side surface to the first side surface of the package, the cathode connection layer extending beyond the cathode electrode portion toward the first side surface of the package.